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For: LOCKING CAP ASSEMBLY FOR SPINAL  
FIXATION INSTRUMENTATION

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.